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Robert M. Aydukovic – President of the Maryland Center For Construction Education and Innovation (MCCEI). MCCEI is a public-private partnership that strives to enhance existing organizations in cultivating Maryland's construction workforce. MCCEI works in tandem with the private industry, government and Maryland's Universities, community colleges and secondary schools to marshal the industry's many resources to position construction as a career of choice, to promote the economic vitality of construction in Maryland and serve as a resource.

Prior to joining MCCEI, Aydukovic spent over 20 years working in Maryland's private, quasi-public and non-profit sectors in construction, real estate and economic development. As an entrepreneur Aydukovic assisted clients with structuring of real estate and construction projects, new business development, financial feasibility and analysis, market studies, crafting real estate operating pro formas, risk and return models and valuations. Beyond real estate, Aydukovic has worked with prominent non-profits and institutions on strategic planning initiatives and fundraising strategies. In the quasi-public sector, Aydukovic has negotiated, structured, and gained approvals of public-private partnerships using City of Baltimore and State of Maryland subsidies resulting in over \$701 million invested and 1,500 jobs created or retained in Maryland since 1996.

During 2009 and 2010, Aydukovic was principal and owner of Downtown Development Advisors, LLC, and an adjunct faculty member at the University of Baltimore teaching a course in community economic development. From 2001-2009, Mr. Aydukovic worked for the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. (DPOB) in various leadership roles including Managing Director of Downtown Development Council (2008-2009), Vice President of Economic Development (2005-2008) and Director of the Downtown Housing Initiative (2001-2005). Prior to joining DPOB, Mr. Aydukovic served as senior analyst for the Baltimore Development Corporation, the City's quasi-public economic development agency, from 1996 to 2001. While serving at DPOB and BDC, he helped negotiate public-private partnerships on several market rate apartment, hotels, office, industrial and retail/entertainment projects. In other work experience, Mr. Aydukovic has served as a commercial district revitalization coordinator in the Belair-Edison neighborhood of Baltimore City from 1994 to 1996 and as a commercial construction estimator in the Washington, DC area from 1989 to 1994.

Aydukovic has earned a Master of Science degree in real estate development from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, and Bachelor of Science degree in construction management from Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. He currently serves as an Officer of the Live Baltimore Home Center Board, and ULI Baltimore District Council Executive and Programs Committees and past member of the Michigan State University Construction Management Alumni Board. Bob is also a current member of the Counselors of Real Estate, Associate Member of the Urban Land Institute, corporate member of the Associated Builders and Contractors Baltimore Metro Chapter, and a past member of the International Council of Shopping Centers.

He currently lives in Owings Mills, MD, with his wife and two sons.